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ADGEF SPONSORS CONVENTION

NASHVILLE AUGUST 6 - 10, 2013

It's here! What?? The time of year when the itch for the annual fraternity convention begins. For the first time in our great fraternity's history, ADGEF will act as host and steward. This will be an amazing convention that you will not want to miss.

The National Council hosted convention in Nashville in 1991. Mike Blackstock, ADGEF President and Andy Schoettker, '91 co-convention steward, have planned an all star week which will benefit both actives and alumni alike. You will have the opportunity to experience seminars and events never before offered at convention. For example, ADGEF has teamed with the NHL's Nashville Predators for several events this August. The Predators' charity has arranged for a terrific service project for us on the first day of convention.

On Thursday, ten brothers will WIN a NASCAR Driving Experience. Each will have the opportunity to ride with NACAR legend Sterlin Martin, or to drive the car themselves. Cars will race along the track of the Nashville Speedway Fairgrounds. You will automatically be entered to win your chance to race when you register for convention. Additional opportunities to will be available as delegates arrive in Nashville. Imagine speeding around the track at 150 mph as your brothers cheer you on! For those who don't win the opportunity, driving will be available to everyone for a fee at the track.

Thursday will bring the first of four ADGEF Seminars brought to us by very distinguished alumni from around the country. You will hear about starting your own business, networking with alumni, presenting yourself in the best light to your college and highlighting responsibilities of actives and alumni so your chapter will succeed to the fullest. In addition, the National Council has scheduled an outstanding guest speaker who will discuss "Dressing for Success". This will be a presentation no one will want to miss.

On Friday, we will have the sports challenge and alumni BBQ in Centennial Park right next to the Parthenon, We have never had food roll into Convention quite like it will at this event! During the sports challenge, alumni will have the chance to enjoy Nashville's hottest micro brewery, Yazzoo Brewing Company. Its outdoor patio and wide selection of local brews will make this a very enjoyable event.

Saturday's main event will be the closing banquet which will take place at the Patron Platinum Club on top of the hockey rink at Bridgestone Arena. We will be served the finest food available in this private, members only club. We will also have a very special keynote speaker, President and CEO of the Nashville Predators, Sean Henry.

Perhaps you are looking for other things to do while in Nashville. The list of options is endless: the brand new Johnny Cash Museum; the Grand Ole Opry; the Country Music Hall of Fame; Music Row; Tootsies Lounge or Antique Archaeology - the store for TV's American Pickers.

Whether you are an active or a seasoned alumnus with many Conventions under your belt, you have never attended a Convention like this one! The deadline to book hotels is JULY 5th. You can register using the form attached here or on the convention web site: www.adgconvention.com. We'll see you in Nashville!

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STATE OF THE FRATERNITY

President's Message

The Fall and Spring semesters have been interesting for Alpha Delta Gamma, and like any other year, have been filled with both challenges and successes. We have a number of opportunities for growth, and we are doing our utmost to take advantage of these.

In beginning of this term, the council realized that we were not using our Board of Directors to its full potential. Thus, our council members worked hard to find talented brothers to fill our positions and created several new positions, such as Alumni and Active Directors of Social Media. Our focus is to use the board to leverage our leaders as well to identify and develop leaders within the Fraternity. We began this process with an open call to our membership and young alumni, and we were pleased with the positive responses. Thus far, we have used our board to the maximum making it possible to bring about major changes in areas of colony management and assisting our struggling chapters.

However all has not been positive. We closed both Theta and Alpha Zeta chapters. We realized that Theta was not living up to the standards of ADG and made a joint decision with the active membership to discontinue our efforts there. Alpha Zeta came under serious hazing allegations. We cooperated with the college in a hazing investigation which ultimately led to suspending the chapter. We are committed to making this a fraternity in which only the highest standards of excellence will be tolerated. We do not want our alumni, actives, or future brothers associated with men who are not representative of the ideals of an Alpha Delta Gamma.

Changes have been made in our colonization and colony recruitment program. Colonies are now required to meet and to report weekly on their progress. This gives us an improved ability to manage expectations of a colony quickly becoming a successful chapter. We expect to induct a new chapter at convention, and to continue to work with our University of Dallas Colony. We are maintaining high standards for our chapters, pursuing different options for our active chapter conference calls, and placing special emphasis our struggling chapters.

Chris Sapp planned a phenomenal Spring conference. Our surveys and internal dialogue are showing that this was one of our more successful conferences. Chris has worked tirelessly to debrief us, so that we will move forward with the idea of becoming even stronger.

STATE OF THE FRATERNITY

President's Message (Cont.)

Conference was highlighted this year by dynamic presentations by Andrew Brother, Chris Sapp, Tyson Sandlin, Kevin Bal, and David Tilden.

Chris has worked hand in hand with ADG Educational Foundation President, Mike Blackstock, to plan what may be our best convention in years. It was decided to look into only presentations which would teach skills and add value for our attendees. It will be an amazingly exciting time to be a Delt.

Andrew Brothers has been working on new methods of accepting payments, and improving our methods of helping chapters stay on top of their finances. At conference he produced a simple schematic which highlights important time frames so chapters know when they must start to collect fees how to do so. Andrew also instituted several internal measures to make sure that we are the best possible stewards of monies received.

Our council stalwart, Brother Nicholas, has been a valuable resource this year. He has been focused on helping with the spiritual wellbeing of our members and was also instrumental in the matter with AZ. His professionalism in a time of adversity was a lesson for us all.

Our student rep, Aaron Dwyer, has completed several effective chapter visits, and has gone above and beyond in instituting new programs. We now have a universal ADG calendar completed and have expanded our Laetare Sunday efforts.

As always our chapters are doing quite well. Kappa had a gigantic candidate class, and has been recognized on campus for all that they do for the University. Lambda is once again growing vibrantly. This marks a big change from a few years ago when there was a candidate class of one!. Psi has gone from being a struggling chapter to winning four major school awards including Greek Organization of the year. Rho has continued its growth and successfully played host for conference. Alpha Epsilon three-peated as Greek Week Champions and along with Beta, Xi, and Kappa should all make a strong push for Chapter of the Year.

It has been quite a fulfilling year. As a council we will do our best to continue in this direction. I look forward to seeing you at convention.

Matthew McKissick Berkshire

Psi 2004

ADGEF ANTICIPATES ENDOWING SCHOLARSHIP

In 1987, ADGEF awarded its first scholarship to Jim Narron of Zeta Chapter. Since that time, thirty one Alpha Deltas have received a scholarship. It is something no recipient ever forgets and each looks forward to graduation and being able to contribute to making a difference for another brother. After all these years, the impact it had on Jim is still evident: "Nothing embodies "a brother who is helped by a brother" more than the ADGEF scholarship. That's why endowing the scholarship now is so important in making sure that the legacy of brothers helping brothers endures." The Educational Foundation has worked tirelessly to raise the funds year after year to continue to provide this scholarship to deserving actives.

It is time to take the Foundation and the scholarship to the next level. During the 2012 Convention in Louisville, Foundation President, Mike Blackstock, announced plans to endow the annual scholarship. Doing so will guarantee the scholarship continues and will also allow the amount of the scholarship to increase. It will also open the door to creating other opportunities for all actives and chapters.

Over the past four years, alumni contributions have made possible the creation of educational seminars around the country. These have impacted every active in the fraternity and helped to create networking opportunities between actives and alumni. This program and others will continue to grow with the security of the endowment. Alumni nationwide have contributed since last August to help us move towards this goal. However, we cannot raise the needed \$100,000 without YOUR assistance! Please give whatever you can as your contribution is 100% tax deductible. Please make it possible for scholarships to continue to be available for our actives!



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Our Newest Alumni!

Congratulations on your recent graduation! Your accomplishments and hard work have paid off and now a new, exciting chapter in life will begin. Your career as an Alpha Delta Gamma man continues even as your college days come to an end. We hope you will continue your support and commitment to our beloved fraternity.

As an alumni, you have an opportunity to affect the fraternity in many different ways. For years to come, actives will look up to you as a brother who passed the torch and gave them the opportunity to wear our letters. They will look forward to and appreciate your attendance at events such as U-Night and Laetare Sunday. They will also appreciate your support and attendance at the National Convention each August. This year's convention is August 6 - 11 in Nashville. Information and registration can be found at www.adgconvention.com. Be sure to register now as the deadline for hotel reservations is July 5th!

As you enter your work career, I hope you will support the fraternity with your presence and consider supporting the ADG Educational Foundation as we continue to build opportunities for the active chapters. Your time and dollars will have a major impact for years to come. Welcome to the alumni club!

Mike Blackstock

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XI

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PSI

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Brian Cleary
Richard Garza

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